



ISF Urges Countries to Adopt Practical Seed GMO Thresholds

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ISF considers that when the environmental and nutritional safety of GMOs and GMO products have been positively assessed, there is no scientific reason to separate these products from the non-GMO ones.

However, for various reasons, some markets are demanding separation of GMO and non-GMO products.

- Whereas there is a link between the quality of seed and products derived therefrom, and
- Whereas new genetic and analytical technologies (e.g., PCR amplification of DNA) have made it possible to detect minute amounts of all off-types, and
- Whereas the world's seed industry has established and observes standards and management practices that result in seed products of consistently high quality in which the presence of off-types is limited to an agreed upon standard,

ISF supports seed quality standards with practical, defined seed GMO thresholds for adventitious genetic off-types from any source that are consistent with current seed production practices and industry standards on a crop-by-crop basis.